(SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The increase in prices of some fruit and vegetables sold in past few weeks is mainly due to their low supply during summer and rainy season and higher procurement price during this period.

(b) Government of India is implementing Central Sector Schemes on Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds and Development of Root & Tuber Crops in the country including Delhi and neighbouring States to increase the production and productivity of vegetable which will help ultimately in improving the supply position.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

719. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry have been complemented for their creditable performance during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the names of such Undertakings with criteria for judging their creditable performance;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to encourage more such P.S.Us in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The performance of the 4 major Public Sector Undertakings namely; National Aluminium Company Limited, Bharat Aluminium Company Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited and Hindustan Zinc Limited has been found creditable having regard to their production achievement, financial performance as reflected in profitability and generation of resources and excellent grading in terms of the norms of Memorandum of Understanding.

(c) and (d) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Effect of delay in Monsoon on Oilseeds output

720. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delayed monsoon will affect the oilseeds output in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details of such an impat;

(c) the manner in which Government propose to formulate a strategy to meet this decline in oilseeds production; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (d) Although monsoon was delayed and rainfall was deficient in some of the States in early parts of the South-West monsoon season in the current year, the rainfall situation has considerably improved during the last 2-3 weeks. During the week ending 26th July, 1995, cumulative rainfall became normal or excess of the normal in 26 out of 35 meteorological sub-division of the country. The States which were having deficient rains in the initial period like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka also received copious rains during this period. There is no likelihood of any significant shortfall in the production of Kharif oilseeds on account of delayed monsoon.

(c) and (d) As per present rainfall situation no significant loss in production of Kharif oilseeds is anticipated and the availability of oilseeds in the country would remain comfortable.